

INDONESIA – THAILAND CULTURE PARITY IN THE LEARNING OF INDONESIAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (BIPA)

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ABSTRACT

BIPA learning is an embodiment of efforts to improve the function of Indonesian into an international language. Foreign students really need mastery of good Indonesian language skills and understanding of Indonesian academic culture in order to be able to attend classes / studies / research in Indonesia well and on time. This paper examines the importance of the existence of Indonesian-Thai cultural parity and its contribution in BIPA learning both in Indonesia and in Thailand. This type of research is qualitative with ethnographic strategies. There are two stages in this research, namely a field exploration study to capture the phenomenon of cultural parity between Indonesia and Thailand. Meanwhile, the second stage of data collection was in the form of reading the BIPA teaching material sources with note-taking techniques. The subjects of this study were BIPA learners from Thailand and BIPA instructors in Indonesia and Thailand who had experience teaching Thai BIPA students. The object of this research is BIPA teaching materials. The data analysis technique used is qualitative and quantitative. The validity of the data in this study will use data triangulation and expert judgement. The results of the study show that there are many similarities / parities in Indonesian and Thai culture that are apparently close to daily life, such as culture of greeting, dressing, food, traditional arts, and others. The large number of parities makes it easy for BIPA students to understand and imagine the concrete forms of Indonesian language and culture and their application in daily life. The conclusions of the results of this study are the cultural similarities between the culture owned and the culture of the target language being a good intermediary in learning languages ??and establishing cooperation. BIPA is one way to open cooperation by sending or receiving foreign students.

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